

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 20, 2004

Corps of Engineers, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

In attendance:

Susan Shampine, Corps

Steve Hansen, BOR

Rhea Graham, NMISC

Rolf Schmidt-Peterson, NMISC

Valda Terauds, BOR

Charles Lujan, P. of San Juan

Gail Stockton, Corps

Chris Gorbach, BOR

- The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes from the November 10, 2003 meeting. These notes are posted on the project website.
- The project managers provided information on the evaluation of alternatives. Valda Terauds presented resource team performance criteria, Executive Committee and Steering Committee input and how the alternatives were stacking up using the EIS Decision Analysis tool as an organized method to screen and select alternatives.
- Based on current schedule of a late fall release of the draft EIS, two meetings (Executive Committee with USFWS regarding proposed Section 7 consultation, Steering Committee) were tentatively scheduled for late summer/early fall to precede government to government consultation with the tribes, start of the formal Section 7 consultation, and the release of the draft EIS.
- The Executive Committee tasked the project managers to further describe and promote understanding of the full range hydrologic effects of the alternatives.
- Charles Lujan invited the agencies to the Pueblo of San Juan's three-day Riparian Conference beginning July 13, 2004.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2004.

Approved by the Executive Committee at the August 26, 2004 meeting.